

 **Sterne Kessler
Goldstein Fox**

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Robert Greene Sterne
Edward J. Kessler
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimbala
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M. Covert
Linda E. Alcorn
Robert C. Millonig
Lawrence B. Bugalsky
Donald J. Featherstone
Michael V. Messinger
Judith U. Kim
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.

Patrick E. Garrett
Jeffery T. Helvey*
Heidi L. Kraus
Crystal D. Sayles
Edward W. Yeo
Albert L. Fero*
Donald R. Banowitz
Peter A. Jackman
Molly A. McCall
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick P. Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Albert J. Fasulo II*
Eldora Ellison Floyd
W. Russell Swindell
Thomas C. Fiala
Brian J. Del Buono*
Virgil Lee Beaton*
Reginald D. Lucas*

Kimberly N. Reddick
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes
Bruce E. Chalker
Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham*
Christine M. Uhler
Rae Lynn Prengaman*
Jane Shershenovich*
Lawrence J. Carroll*
George S. Bardmesser

Senior Counsel
Samuel L. Fox
Kenneth C. Bass III

Registered Patent Agents
Karen R. Markowicz
Andrea J. Kamage

Nancy J. Leith
Joseph M. Conrad III
Ann E. Summerfield
Helene C. Carlson
Gaby L. Longworth
Matthew J. Dowd
Aaron L. Schwartz
Angelique G. Uy
Boris A. Matvenko
Mary B. Tung
Katrina Y. Pei
Bryan L. Skelton
Jason D. Eisenberg
Alicia M. Choi

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
*Admitted only in Texas

#2
WAG
8-26-02

August 7, 2002

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:
(202) 218-7831

INTERNET ADDRESS:
JWEAVER@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED

AUG 19 2002

Art Unit 2832

Technology Center 2600

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/072,984; Filed: February 12, 2002
For: **Radio Frequency Identification Architecture**
Inventors: Shanks *et al.*
Our Ref: 1689.0240000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. An original executed Power of Attorney;
2. An original executed Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b); and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

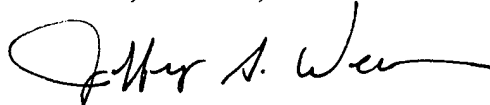
RECEIVED
AUG - 8 2002
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2600

Commissioner for Patents
August 7, 2002
Page 2

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey S. Weaver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeffrey S. Weaver
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 45,608

JSW/asl
Enclosures

SKGF_DC1:15413.1